



East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

NOVEMBER 2023



**THOSE
WHO SEEK
THE LORD LACK
NO GOOD
THING.**

PSALM 34:10

A WORD FROM OUR **PASTOR**

May the peace of God be with you always.

When I found this photo, I was deeply impressed. In the picture, a dog and a human are sitting together on a bench. But their thoughts are so different.

The mind of this person is filled with all kinds of worries: financial concerns, rent, car, job worries, and many more. Their head is full of numerous concerns. But in the dog's mind, there is only one thing: their owner, sitting beside them. The dog thinks, "I am happy because I am with my owner."

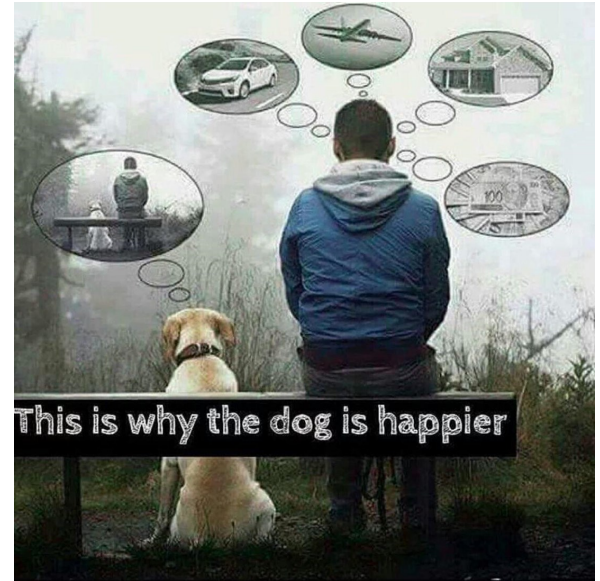
We should learn from this puppy. What are our minds filled with? Are you weighed down with a lot of worries? It makes us unhappy.

There is one solution. We should look to our true owner, God, and always keep Him in our thoughts. That is the key to our happiness. Come to think of it, dogs are happy when they have their owner. A homeless` puppy wandering the streets doesn't say, "I'm not happier than you!" to a puppy in a rich man`s house flying around in a private jet. On the contrary, the puppy that is always with its owner is happier than the puppy whose owner is often away from home.

We can find a lesson here. If we truly love God and deeply contemplate Him in our hearts, we can be content in times of plenty and in times of poverty. The apostle Paul said, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:12-13/NIV)

My beloved brothers and sisters, what thoughts are your minds filled with? Let`s look to the Lord! Fill our hearts with the Lord!
This is our happiness, and this is our story. Amen!

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor **Jongmin**





*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

One thing about the Bible is that we can usually identify with people in it. I started to name some of mine, but there are so many. It is great to see ones who have not only struggled or failed, but were used by God anyhow, and whose failures were not the end of their stories. It is also nice to have people in our lives we can identify with. Some inspire us, and some may help us through places they have already been.

I can safely say that each of us have blessings, and I think it is safe to say that no matter what most of us struggling with (or lacking), there are people in Columbus (let alone the world) whose lives are worse, and would gladly trade places with us.

We look at people at times through the lens of our lives. This can be great at times, but other times a detriment. I read a while back about people judging a local person in their neighborhood for the condition of their yard. Someone said something to the effect of "maybe that person doesn't have the health or a lawnmower to mow it, or maybe they have kids they are struggling to raise". They went on to say that maybe the person complaining should go and ask if everything is okay, and volunteer to mow for them.

It is easy to look at someone and think "that person should get a job", "that person should paint their house, it looks awful", "why doesn't that stranded person just call a mechanic" or "that person's clothes are old". While those may be true, we are judging according to our lives, our blessings, our resources, and our skills. While sometimes those people are indeed being irresponsible, lazy, etc., sometimes they may be overwhelmed, their health not good, they're lacking in funds for even a simple repair, and so forth. Maybe sometimes they just don't know the way out of their situation or lack the health, skill, or resources even if they know how. Something absolutely simple for someone more skilled in house or car repairs, is insurmountable or very difficult for the other person. A \$1000.00 bill for one might be equitable to a \$100 to another with vast more resources, and a \$500.00 bill might as well be a million to another. It is relative to the person and situation.

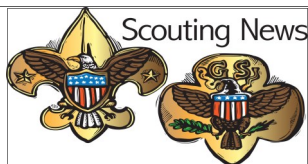
A former pastor once made a comment during a sermon that when buying a new car, one should buy one the same color and style so people wouldn't know you had bought a new car. I can't recall his reasoning (maybe I focused on that comment instead of what else he said), but that sounded fairly stupid to me as a twenty something. But, perhaps I understand it now. Sometimes when we are bragging about our blessings (maybe even out of thankfulness) someone in the conversation may not be as fortunate. While we are talking about a new car, our health, family, investments, new house, children (pick your blessings), someone in the conversation may be struggling paying the rent, or finding their next meal, or maybe are estranged from a child..

I caught myself at times talking about doing something with family, getting such and such to eat or whatever with a less fortunate out of state friend. I apologized to her (she had strained relationships with her siblings, and also struggled at times financially). She said not to worry, and assured me she loved to hear about friends' blessings. That is typically how I have been too, but there have been times of struggle where it was harder to do. I also saw the aforementioned friend be frustrated over their lack and someone else's abundance, in times of their being in dire need at times too..

A friend from High School and her husband posted pictures years back, of new cars they bought. I was truly happy for them. But, over time, it seemed like one, the other, or both were posting about a new car(s) every few months, and that was about all I ever saw them post. It wasn't their thanking God or seem to be out of gratefulness for their blessings. Maybe it happened less frequently than every few months, but I got sick of it after numerous times. This wasn't out of jealousy, it just seemed to be their bragging, or at least an emphasis on what they had. Don't get me wrong, they have a right to spend their money however they please, and I am not saying we shouldn't be able to share something positive in our lives. I am grateful that my 19 year old car (that I have had 13 years) gets me where I need to go. I just go to the point where their posts were too much. We are still Facebook friends, but I unfollowed both of them a few years back, so I wouldn't have to keep seeing these posts. Bear in mind this is after seeing probably 8 different new cars among them in two years.

It is my hope in this Thanksgiving season (and beyond) that we realize how blessed we are, but are also mindful of those less fortunate. Who knows, there may even be a way we can be a blessing to those people. It is also my hope that we concentrate on the Giver of gifts, more than the gifts themselves,

HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL
Troop 549



November 10th-12th Ray's Mountain Bike Park

October 27th-29th was our first campout at a new place. One of the grandparents of a scout has some property where we camped. The property has a pond for fishing and acres of woods to explore. We did some service work on a fire pit so it can be utilized again. It was a great time.

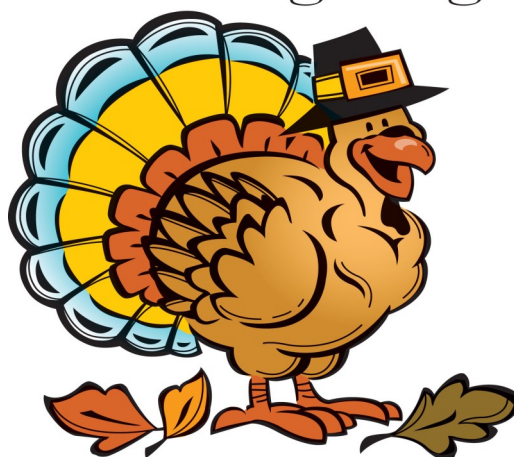
November 10th-12th We will be going to Ray's mountain biking park in Cleveland, Ohio. This is an indoor bike park. This should be a fun time for the troop to ride bikes inside where it is warm.

The scouts are selling scout popcorn. Anyone that is interested in purchasing some popcorn please let me know.

If you know anyone that is interested in scouting the door is always open for their visit on our scout nights. Please feel free to pass my contact information to anyone interested in visiting or joining our troop. Boys ages need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18. Meeting time Thursday is at 6:30–8:00 at the Youth Center.

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**Happy
Thanksgiving**





Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving isn't until the end of the month ... but I expect there are several of us already planning for that big day.

Afterall, you need to plan the menu ... wait .. first you need to figure out who will be joining you for that big meal.

I'm sure you will want all of your family around ... filling the house with laughter and maybe some shouting depending on whose football team is winning, right?

And probably some friends will join the fun.

So ... you've got the guest list ... everyone is accounted for, right?

Hmmm ... did you invite Jesus to join you?

Sometimes we get so caught up in planning for family and friends that we forget the most important guest of all. But wait .. do we want Jesus to be a *guest* at our table?

Instead of being a *guest* in our home, shouldn't He be permanent *resident* instead?

This year as you remember all the things for which you are thankful, remember to thank the most important person for all He's done for you ... **Jesus!**

May your turkey be juicy, your gravy be lump less and your pies covered with whipped cream!! And Jesus have His own place at your table not just Thanksgiving but every day of the year!

Till next month Timothy





November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm-Choir	2 6:30pm-Scouts	3	4
5 Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends 9am-Worship 10:10 Sunday School	6	7 10-11am Prayer Time	8 6pm-Choir	9 NO Scouts	10	11
12 5pm-Grace's Table 9am-Worship 10:10 Sunday School	13	14 10-11am Prayer Time	15 6pm- Choir	16 6:30pm-Scouts	17	18
19 9am-Worship 10:10 Sunday School Thanksgiving Dinner @ Whitecreek 3pm	20	21 10-11am Prayer Time	22 6pm-Choir		24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 9am-Worship 10:10 Sunday School Hanging of Greens & Luncheon	27 BCSC Thanksgiv- ing Break 22—27	28 10-11am Prayer Time	29 6pm-Choir	30 6:30pm-Scouts		



- Nov. 1—Angie Sherfick
- Nov. 6—Lilli Sanford
- Nov. 13—Rosalie Pfister
- Nov. 18—Larry Skinner
- Nov. 19—Shirley Murphy
- Nov. 21—Bertha Winn

News



From the Mail Box...

Books Build Brains

Thanks to the continuous donations of books from ECUMC. Bartholomew Co. Library donates 80 to 100 each month. Children's books can be donated anytime. A box is under the coat rack.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday.

Love Chapel Christmas

Pantry Potato Collection

Collection will end on November 12. We are collecting: Instant Mashed Potatoes (13-26 oz) Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes & monetary donations.



ECUMC is participating again this year in the packing of shoe boxes for children around the world. Shoe boxes will be collected and dedicated Sunday, November 12.

Here's what's happening!

Grace's Table Dinner Church, Sunday, November 12, at 5:00 pm in the Youth Center.

Every Tuesday from 10am to 11am the Sanctuary will be open for anyone to come in for prayer time. The Elevator Door and both Glass Doors near the office will be unlocked during those times.

Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Let's remember our service men and women who have served our country to keep us free.

Office will be closed November 23 & 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

White Creek Lutheran Thanksgiving Dinner November 19 at 3 p.m.

White Creek will be sharing a Thanksgiving dinner with ECUMC. Meat, drinks, rolls will be provided. Table service will be provided.

Just bring a dessert or side dish to share.

Contact Katie or Paula if you need transportation to White Creek.



Hanging of the Greens November 26 following Sunday School. Soup and sandwiches will be available.



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9:00am-Worship Service
10:10am- Sunday School

OUR CHURCH MISSION
Growing the Family of God by Making
Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.